

REMARKS**Statement of Substance of the Interview**

An Interview Summary, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 22, 2004, provided Examiner Winston's summary of the in-person interview conducted on December 14, 2004 between Examiners Coe and Winston, Sudhir V. Shah, M.D., the Applicant, and N. Scott Pierce and Mary K. Murray, Ph.D., Applicant's Attorneys.

The substance of the interview concerned a Reply, filed November 1, 2004, in response to an Office Action mailed June 3, 2004 and a prior November 17, 2004 interview at the Patent Office with Examiner Winston. All of the pending claims were discussed.

Examiners Coe and Winston, Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys discussed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, § 102(b) and § 103. The Examiners agreed with the Applicant that U.S. Patent No: 4,684,482, issued to Green, D.E. (hereinafter "Green") did not anticipate Applicant's claimed invention. Examiners Coe and Winston, Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys also discussed the remaining references cited in the Office Action. Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys discussed how Applicant's claimed invention is novel and non-obvious in view of Green and the remaining references cited in the Office Action. Applicant agreed to provide Examiner Winston with a list of iron chelators for search purposes. Applicant's Attorney forwarded the list of iron chelators to Examiner Winston by facsimile transmission on December 16, 2004. Examiners Coe and Winston agreed to consider Applicant's arguments.


SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims under consideration.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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